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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
AKIHIRO WADA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RIBAR, T.
SERIAL NO: 10/028,827 :
FILED: DECEMBER 28, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1711
FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A :
FLUOROALKANOL

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of April 22, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a process for producing a fluoroalkanol.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to a process for producing a fluoroalkanol;
- Group II: Claim 8, drawn to an information recording medium; and
- Group III: Claims 9-13, drawn to a method of producing an information recording medium.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct. The burden of proof is on the Office to provide reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion with regard to patentable distinctness. MPEP § 803.